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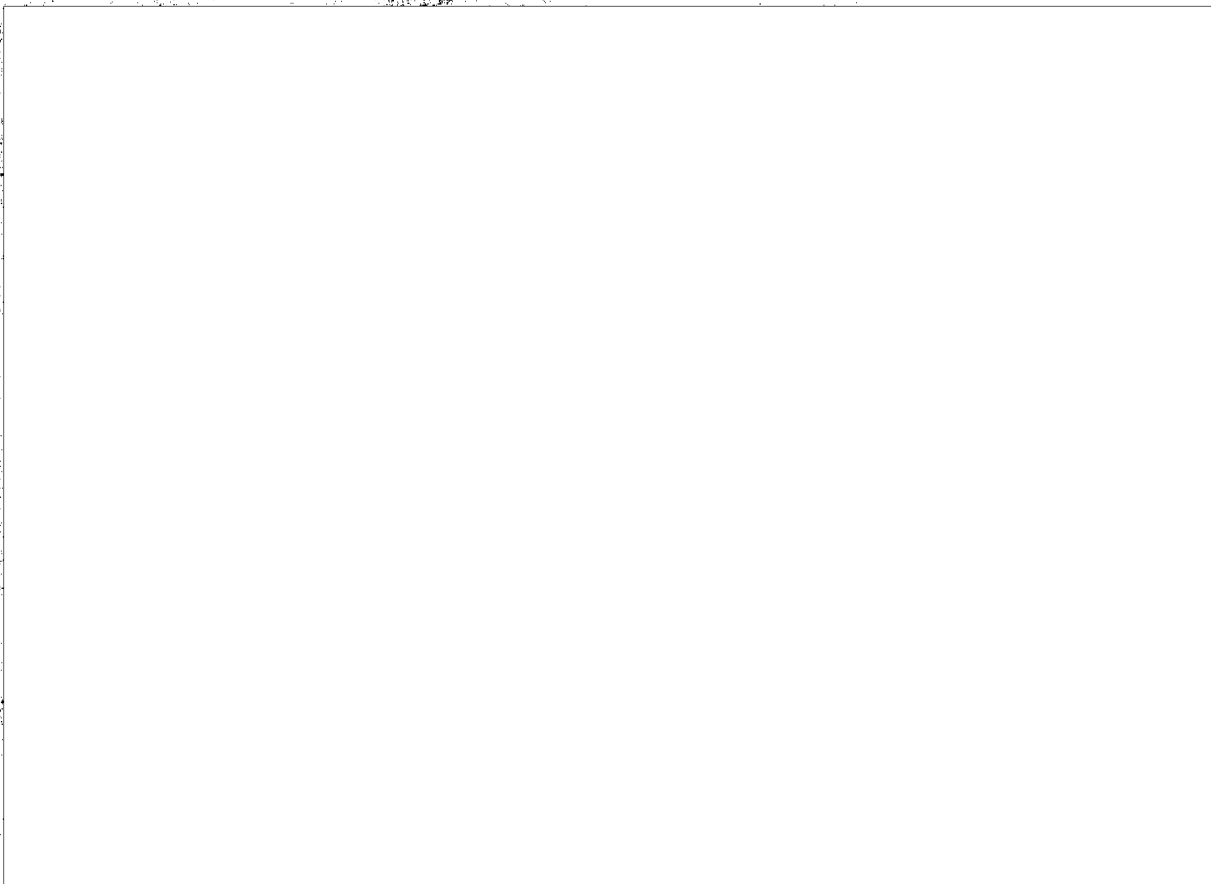
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INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT: OUR EMBASSY IN MONROVIA REPORTS FROM A RELIABLE CABINET SOURCE THAT THE LIBERIANS ARE PLANNING TO EXTEND ONLY SIX FORMAL INVITATIONS FOR OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S INAUGURATION IN JANUARY, 1976. INVITATIONS WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, THE OAU CHAIRMAN, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE BORDERING STATES OF SIERRA LEONE, GUINEA AND IVORY COAST, AND THE U.S. THE U.S. IS OBVIOUSLY BEING INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP BECAUSE OF OUR LONGSTANDING "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP," AND THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE ANTICIPATING HIGH LEVEL U.S. PARTICIPATION. (HDRAM)

FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON ON AFRICA: EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTS THE IMPRESSIONS FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON GAINED FROM HIS ROUND OF MEETINGS RECENTLY IN NEW YORK WITH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF KENYA, SIERRA LEONE, ETHIOPIA, ZAMBIA AND LIBERIA, AND HAD BEEN INFORMED INDIRECTLY OF THE VIEWS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF ZAIRE. ALL WERE MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY THE INCREASED SOVIET INFLUENCE IN LIBYA, ERITREA, SOMALIA AND UGANDA AND THE CONTINUING STRENGTHENING OF THE CHINESE PRESENCE IN TANZANIA. THEY WERE EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN AMERICA AND HOPE THAT THE MODERATE ELEMENTS WITH SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE WOULD ULTIMATELY GAIN THE UPPER HAND THERE.

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ALL OF ALLON'S CONTACTS STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASED ATTENTION BY THE U.S. TO THE DEVELOPING SOVIET THREAT. THEY FEEL STRONGLY THAT UNTIL NOW THE U.S. HAD NEGLECTED THE AFRICAN CONTINENT -- PARTICULARLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS -- AND FEARED THAT WITHOUT INCREASED ATTENTION BY THE U.S. TO AFRICAN AFFAIRS RADICAL ELEMENTS WOULD GAIN THE UPPER HAND. ALLON ASKED OUR AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THESE CONCERNS WHICH HE SAID HE SHARED. WITH REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF ISRAEL REESTABLISHING RELATIONS IN AFRICA, ALLON FELT SIGNS WERE ENCOURAGING BUT FEW AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO MOVE NOW. (HORAN)

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